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Minutes
of
Branch Chief's Meeting of
11 August 1952

(b) (3) The meeting was at 0835 in [Mr. Steele's] office with a quorum consisting of [Mr. Sullivan, Chairman, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Engle, Dr. Fairchild, Dr. Fondiller, ^{and} Ray Gordon, Dr. Harkin and Mr. Rajala.]

[Mr. Sullivan] opened the meeting by saying that a project is to be started in the P&E Division on "Flying Saucers." It was suggested by [Dr. Odarenko] that this project be set up to maintain ~~the file to establish~~ outside contacts on such matters and to build up the up-to-date knowledge ~~of the~~ to permit the Division and office to take a stand and to formulate an opinion as might be required.

ATIC has the job of finding out about these "flying saucers" and keeping records. [It] is responsible for getting information for CIA. All members of the P&E Division are to look into this project and see what they can contribute to this problem. Each Branch was appointed a representative:

(b) (3) [Mr. Elby] for Physics, and [Mr. Barnard] for Electronics and Communications. [Mr. Elby] is Project Officer for the P&E Division. He is to find out who is handling the project in OR, and get a past history of what has been found out in the field of meteorology, radar and the other sciences. He should secure reports from ATIC and bring us up-to-date on what has been done.

(b) (3) [Mr. Steele] wanted to know if P&E should be in the position to answer requests coming to us. Since ATIC has a standard form for reference purposes, requests would be answered through contact with them. Air Force has local agents to look into any questions coming to them. ATIC has a record, it was believed, to cover the whole world.

It was stated that [Mr. S. Tossany], who may be a special officer in

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A-2, may be able to contribute something to this problem. [Mr. Sullivan] (U.S.)
gave a summary of the 5 years that Mr. Strong spent at the [unclear] Mr. Hall.
There was no specific problem to be discussed. The meeting was
adjourned.

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*where so many "flying saucers" have been
reported of late. Although Mr. Strong knew
many people there and traveled the area
extensively, no unusual phenomena were
ever mentioned or seen.